

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02888-RBW**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/10/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5830056) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons Department of Justice)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/12/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 12/20/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/18/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/17/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/20/2018.

		(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/02/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/17/2019	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay ( <i>Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Stay Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> ) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/17/2019)
01/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>6</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Stay Proceedings in Light of Lapse in Appropriations, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. The motion is GRANTED to the extent that the government seeks to vacate the impending deadlines in this case. The motion is DENIED in all other respects. It is further ORDERED that the impending deadlines in this case are VACATED pending further Order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that, on or before January 28, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how this case shall proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 18, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/28/2019 (hs) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the continued lapse in appropriations, it is hereby ORDERED that the previously imposed deadline for filing a joint status report on or before January 28, 2019, is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before fourteen days after appropriations have been restored, the parties shall file a joint status report proposing new deadlines in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 23, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/07/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 8, 2019, the defendant shall file its response to the plaintiff's Complaint. It is further ORDERED that, on or before March 20, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 14, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the complaint due by 3/8/2019, Joint Status Report due by 3/20/2019 (hs) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that (1) the defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before May 8, 2019, (2) the plaintiff shall file its opposition to the defendant's motion on or before June 7, 2019, and (3) the defendant shall file its reply in support of its motion on or before June 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 22, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 5/8/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/7/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/24/2019. (tj) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>10</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 1, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Seidel Declaration)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 05/08/2019)